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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 2 March 1965

General Carter was in the chair as Acting DCI.

There was a Current Intelligence Briefing including a description of the current US and VNAF air strikes against NVN targets. DDP queried the extent and nature of damage being inflicted by these strikes. AD/CI explained that we know the extent of physical damage to the targets^{but} cannot assess deeper implications.

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DD/S&T reported that 1017 is doing okay and the first bucket will be recovered tonight. He also reported that a TACKLE mission to South and East China has been scrubbed owing to poor weather. He also noted a report

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Kent noted that there is a request that a State/CIA/DIA paper be done assessing the construction of large ditches around Berlin.

DDI noted that he had done a memo on his briefings [redacted] and had telephoned Secretary Rusk yesterday to report.

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There was a discussion of the CIA information relating to Soviet policy views [redacted] It was agreed that this info could be used in

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Executive Director noted that Amory will be here this morning to discuss average salaries. Executive Director covered the various actions ensuing from the 25 February Cabinet meeting, including Presidential concern over the number of interdepartmental committees. Executive Director noted that John Macy has been named to survey Government policy dealing with official relations with the public by mail or in person.

Executive Director reported that [redacted] and some of his Staff will be here the morning of 9 March to discuss special warfare matters with [redacted]

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Executive Director reported that Don Smith of BOB is studying the CIA effort in Free World Economic Intelligence Research.

General Carter expressed his concern about the current planning of the TACKLE mission to South and East China and asked DDI to take a hard look at current requirements and advise him on this matter.

General Carter asked DDS&T for a memo on [redacted] by [redacted] noon today.

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General Carter noted that General Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, will be here Thursday morning.

General Carter reported on his telephone conversation yesterday with Mr. Connell of the Vice President's staff. Arrangements have been made for the Vice President to come to Langley on 9 March for a briefing on the Community and CIA from 2:30 to 4:30. Executive Director will undertake to arrange suggestions for the briefing of the Vice President.

General Carter referred to a memo from Bill Colby indicating that a new letter is being prepared for the President to send to Chiefs of Mission as a follow-up to JFK's 1961 letter. DDP was asked to look into the status of this.

General Carter said he thought it may be time to issue an appropriate memo on various developments in the Middle East. Kent pointed out that an NIE is scheduled for USIB on Arab Israeli matters next week.

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